

REMARKSInterview Summary

The meaning of the term "selective binding" was discussed as was the effect of assay conditions on binding assays. Alternative wording for this term was discussed. The ability of one skilled in the art to screen large numbers of proteins was discussed as it related to undue experimentation. The specific assays were not discussed. No agreement was reached with respect to the Claims.

Amendments

Due to the prior omission of a Claim 24, Applicants have renumbered Claims 25 - 41 in accordance with the Examiners actions noted in the final Office Action. For clarity, the following chart relates the prior Claim numbering to the new Claim numbering:

| Prior Claim Number | Renumbered as Claim | Prior Claim Number | Renumbered as Claim |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 22                 | 22                  | 33                 | 32                  |
| 23                 | 23                  | 34                 | 33                  |
| 25                 | 24                  | 35                 | 34                  |
| 26                 | 25                  | 36                 | 35                  |
| 27                 | 26                  | 37                 | 36                  |
| 28                 | 27                  | 38                 | 37                  |
| 29                 | 28                  | 39                 | 38                  |
| 30                 | 29                  | 40                 | 39                  |
| 31                 | 30                  | 41                 | 40                  |
| 32                 | 31                  |                    |                     |

As a result of the alteration in the Claim numbers, Claims 29 and 31 have been amended to correctly indicate the Claims from which they depend. Applicants submit no substantive amendments have been made to these Claims.

Applicants note items 5 & 6 on page 1 of the Final Office Action indicate that Claim 37 has been allowed. However, the Examiner has rejected this Claim for lack of enablement on page 3 of the same Office Action. Therefore, Applicants are assuming Claim 37 stands rejected.

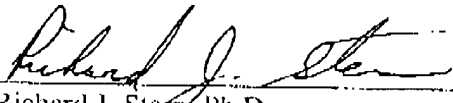
Rejected Claims 24-27 and 37-40 have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have canceled all rejected Claims and request issuance of allowed Claims 22, 23 and 28-36. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should any issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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